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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS VETTING FOR RWANDAN DEFENSE FORCES

DEPLOYING TO DARFUR

REF: BITTRICK-RUFFING EMAIL OF 08/12/04

¶1. This is an action request for the Department (please see paragraph 4).

¶2. The RDF will deploy the following unit to Darfur, on or around August 14:

-- A Co, 99th BN, 305th BDE, from Kibuye

The company is not (NOT) a composite unit.

-- The following officers are OPCON in support of the operations:

CAPT Fred Muziraguharara	Deputy Commander
CAPT (DR) Mark Rugyeminiwaza	Unit Physician
LT Abdhl Kabagyeema	Translator/staff officer
WO1 Gabriel Gahondogo	Logistics Officer-in-Charge

¶3. Embassy Kigali has reviewed its files and has found no information concerning gross human rights violations by the unit or any of the individuals named above.

¶4. ACTION REQUEST FOR DEPARTMENT: Please complete human rights vetting for these names as soon as possible and inform Embassy of findings.

¶5. Inquiries regarding this information may be directed to LTC John Ruffing, DAO, Embassy Kigali.
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